



# COMMISSION ON INSURANCE

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Patricia Torres

### MINUTES

Meeting of June 12, 2003  
830 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Commissioners Present:** Barry Binder, William Callagy, Michael Cheung, Dan Falcon, Rickie Ivie, Curren Price, Scott Svonkin, Patricia Torres

**Commissioners Absent:** Don Lee, Rose Reets

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Svonkin noting a quorum called a meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

### APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2003 AND MAY 22, 2003 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Binder, seconded by Commissioner Falcon, the Commission unanimously approved the April 10, 2003 minutes.

On motion of Commissioner Falcon, seconded by Commissioner Binder, the Commission unanimously approved the May 22, 2003 minutes.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Svonkin thanked the individuals that participated in the special meeting on workers compensation issues held on May 22, 2003.

### DISCUSS WORKERS' COMPENSATION SPECIAL MEETING AND FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairperson Svonkin requested Commissioners review recommendations resulting from the May 22, 2003 conference and select recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioners discussed workers compensation's administration, medical care reform, and incentives/cost reduction issues. Richard Wooly, President, California Applicant's Attorney Association, provided interpretation of several discussion items.

On motion of Commissioner Falcon, seconded by Commissioner Price, the Commission approved sending the following recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:

- Streamlining the administrative process and lowering the requirement for judges to participate in conferences that have joint representation and a resolution is secured.

- Improving communication/creating universal platform between state agencies, physicians and other stakeholders.
- Addressing issues of workers' compensation fraud using of technology tools.

## **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE BILLS**

The Commission reviewed the following legislation:

- AB 431 (Mountjoy) Workers' Compensation: Compensation for a Cumulative Injury
- AB 1483 (Richman) Workers' Compensation: Physicians: Disability Ratings: Claims
- SB 228 (Alarcon) Workers' Compensation: Fraud: Fee Schedules
- SB 354 (Speier) Workers' Compensation Insurance: Fraud
- SB 457 (McPherson) Workers' Compensation: Benefit Delays
- AB 136 (Kehoe) Workers' Compensation: Disability: Leave of Absence
- SB 125 (Chesbro) Workers' Compensation: Leave of Absence for Disability: Welfare
- AB 1480 (Richman) Workers' Compensation
- AB 1481 (Richman) Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability: Reports
- AB 1482 (Richman) Workers' Compensation: Medical Services; Fee Schedule

On a motion of Commissioner Falcon, seconded by Commissioner Ivie, the Commission unanimously approved sending letters to the appropriate legislative members stating the Commission's support for SB 354 (Speier), AB 1480 (Richman), AB 1481 (Richman) and AB 1482 (Richman).

## **COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE UPDATES AND PLANNING**

Chairperson Svonkin requested that subcommittees meet to review their missions and discuss issues before the end of the year. He reminded Commissioners that the Auto Insurance Subcommittee is comprised of Commissioners Falcon, Ivie, Lee, Reets and Torres and the Disasters and Emergencies Subcommittee is comprised of Commissioners Binder, Svonkin and Cheung.

## **MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (To be placed on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting)**

There were none.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mary Callagy

Chris Middleton, Account Executive, Cumbre Insurance Services

Bruce Staniforth, Economy and Efficiency Commission

Richard Wooly, President, California Applicant's Attorneys Association

Martha Littlefield, Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

Ken Wales, Executive Office, Board of Supervisors